

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Marc Leas (Reg. No. 34,372) on 4 November 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title has been amended to read as follows: Data collection using sensing units and separate control units with all power derived from the control units.

Claims 74, 80, 81 have been further cancelled.

Claims 1-8, 10-26, 28-30, 32, 34, 35, 38-54, 56-73, 75-79, 82-83 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 17, 19, 24, 29, 39, 40, 41, 44, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52, 61, 66, 71, 75, 82, 83 have been amended as per the Appendix attached to this Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10-26, 28-30, 32, 34, 35, 38-54, 56-73, 75-79, 82-83 are pending and allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not disclose or make obvious collecting data using a sensing unit and separate control unit wherein all power for powering the sensing unit is derived from the control unit. These limitations are present in all independent claims 1, 39, 40, 50, 82.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Marman et al (US 6,624,750) teach wireless home fire and security alarm system including addressable sensor devices.

Hubbard et al (US 5,565,862) teach collection and management of pipeline flow data.

Schulman et al (US 6,164,284) teach implantable devices for monitoring and affecting body parameters.

Klein et al (US 5,987,352) teach implantable device for monitoring physiologic events.

Kroll (US 6,351,670) teaches electrical cardiac assist for an implantable syncope monitor.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to UYEN T. LE whose telephone number is (571)272-4021. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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